



Minutes of the Regular City Council Session – November 07, 2022

The City Council of the City of Aledo met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers at the Aledo City Hall building on November 07, 2022. MAYOR HAGLOCH called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M. The roll was called, whereupon the following answered present:

Aldermen ILA BERTRAND, MICHAEL CHAUSSE, BARRY COOPER, DENNIS DIXON, JAY DOHERTY, JIM HOLMES, and LINDA SARABASA. Mayor CHRISTOPHER HAGLOCH. Alderman CHRIS KOPP was excused.

Also present was NICHOLAS SEEFELD, Lieutenant, JUSTIN BLASER, Director of Public Works & Utilities, and JAROD DALE, City Clerk.

The media was represented by Jim Taylor, WRMJ.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Public Comment: No Report.

Communication & Correspondence: Ann Runyon, submitted a comment via communication on 10/29/22 at 7:55 PM related to burning within the city limits. Runyon stated, "Would you seriously consider banning burning in City, Please! I'm in my home, doors & windows closed tight, and I can still smell smoke from someone burning leaves (or whatever). I am stuffed up from this that I can hardly breathe."

Requests & Petitions: Cemetery Transfer: Carol A. Boney, petitioner quit-claims Grave Space(s) 1, 2, and 3, Lot 244, in the 6th Addition of the Aledo Cemetery to Michael E. Boney, 1296 Hwy 94, Aledo, IL., 61231.

Public Works Activity Report:

- *Streets:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIES, and work orders continue. Mowed; trimmed trees; vac streets; cleaned trucks; poured sidewalk and pad for rhubarb chair at central park; hung string lights downtown.
- *Gas:* Daily checks, tasks, JULIE's, inspections and finals continue. Read meters on 11/2; yearly maintenance on Big River gas meter; build one-meter set; assist water dept; deliver shut off letters; clean shop.
- *Water:* Daily checks, tasks, Julie's and work orders continue. Service line repair; curb box repair; scanning sewer televising and lining folders; continue digital mapping; clean trucks; clean office; deliver shut off letters; investigate one water leak.
- *Cemetery:* Four (4) Funerals occurred. Final mowing and weed eating, clean out garages



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- *DPW*: The Industrial Park signage has been finalized. The PW staff will be cleaning up the site in the next couple days. It will take approx. eight weeks to build and deliver. The monument park sidewalk project is complete, and two benches have been installed at the sitting areas. The NW Quad street re-surfacing project is complete. The punch list for the PW Garage was completed 11/1. The contractor has two weeks to complete the list. The Street Division installed the string lights at College & Main. Overall the install went well, we are curious to see how they hold up to snow, ice, and wind. We found a Christmas tree for downtown.

Aledo Police Department Activity Report: LT. Seefeld reported the new interview room video recording system arrived on November 1st. The system was noted to be user friendly and able to use the system with ease.

An Academy position at Southwestern Illinois Police Academy in Bellville, IL has been secured for the January 04, 2023 Class and the May 02, 2023 Class. CITY CLERK and LT have worked on an application advertisement using the new City branding which will be posted the city's social media and many other places as well.

The Police Department is scheduled for Firearms Qualification the week of November 13th. This is bi-annual training requirement.

Administrative Report: CITY CLERK Dale provided the monthly utility billing and payroll information for October, 2022. Social media for the month of November to include: Aledo Monthly Memo subscription; daylight savings reminder; election day; AMS Early Bird Shopping event; Veterans Day and W&S Lateral Repair program.

UGM reported Aledo will have its gas storage near capacity by November 5th. The injection of 11,971 Dth of storage gas in October combined with a remaining approximately 3,400 Dth to bring storage to approximately 96,250 Dth. This gas would have been added earlier in August/September, but the delayed injection allowed Aledo to save more than \$56,000 on this supply due the recent downturn in prices. As UGM looks forward to this winter, additional supplies will need to be purchased to supplement storage to meet winter demand. UGM anticipates prices for that supply to be at/under \$7.00/Mcf, far cheaper than the \$9.00+ futures prices posted for this winter just a short time ago. A warm start to winter is expected and UGM has seen multiple 100+ Bcf injections into storage the past few weeks which have brought prices down and should keep prices in check at least to start winter, but most forecasts are calling for a colder Jan 23 – Mar 23 as we enter our 3rd La Nina year in a row. UGM anticipates Summer 2023 supply and storage gas prices to be \$1.50 - \$2.50/Mcf lower than 2022 Summer prices, but the overall price may be similar to Summer 2022.



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Mayor's Report: MAYOR Hagloch reported a community tree for the Holly Days event has been located. The Frasier fir stands at 22' – 25' tall and will be located at the Fells Gas Station. Other trees were looked at but at a cost. Lighting of the tree to be held immediately following the Holly Days electric parade at 5:30 PM on 12/2.

Committee Report: No Report.

REGULAR COUNCIL SESSION

Following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag,

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHAUSSE and seconded by ALDERMAN COOPER to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2022.
- Approval of Finance Invoice Listing – AP20.
- Approval of Resolution No. 52R, Series of 2022; Regarding the Release of Closed Session Minutes and Destruction of Closed Session Verbatim Recordings.
- Approval of Cemetery Transfer: Carol A. Boney, petitioner quit-claims Grave Space(s) 1, 2, and 3, Lot 244, in the 6th Addition of the Aledo Cemetery to Michael E. Boney, 1296 Hwy 94, Aledo, Il., 61231.

A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Bertrand, Chausse, Cooper, Dixon, Doherty, Holmes, and Sarabasa. NO: None.
Motion carried. 7 yeas, 0 nays.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No Report.

ACTION ITEMS:

ORDINANCE NO. 21, SERIES OF 2022; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 16 AND TITLE 13, CHAPTER 1 OF THE CITY CODE REGARDING VIDEO GAMING FEES: (SECOND READING)

Motion was made by ALDERMAN DOHERTY and seconded by ALDERMAN SARABASA to amend & adopt Ordinance No. 21, Series of 2022; An Ordinance Amending Title 3, Chapter 16 and Title 13, Chapter 1 of the City Code regarding Video Gaming; Section 13-1-1 shall reflect a video gaming license fee in the amount of \$100 per terminal, per year



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with the cost of this fee shared equally between the terminal operator and the establishment. A Roll Call vote was recorded as follows:

YES: Cooper, Dixon, Doherty, Holmes, Sarabasa, and Bertrand. NO: Chausse. Motion carried. 6 yeas, 1 nay.

OLD BUSINESS: ALD. Sarabasa inquired on the medical benefit renewals in November. CITY CLERK and MAYOR reported Jamie Hopkins, Sagacity Benefits to meet with the employees on 11/8. Hopkins to assist with the renewal of the medical benefits on 12/1 and the dental benefits on 1/1/23, along with the flexible spending account.

NEW BUSINESS: ALD. Bertrand inquired on the Municipal Caucus date. CITY CLERK Dale reported the caucus will be held on Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Aldermen Ward 1, 2, 3, & 4 are up for election in April, 2023. Ward 1 has a 2-year term and a 4-year term to be filled.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, motion was made by ALDERMAN DIXON and seconded by ALDERMAN HOLMES that the meeting be adjourned. A Unanimous voice vote followed in agreement. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

Jarod M. Dale, City Clerk

Minutes approved by Council action November 21, 2022.

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